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The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. McDERMOTT).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
September 4, 2007.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JIM McDERMOTT to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer: "Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare Your praise." Breathe into the body of this 110th Congress of the United States a new spirit, fresh from the depths of Your own goodness, filled with justice for all. Recreate it vibrant and strong in righteousness.

Let all speak with kindness and the simplicity of truth, free from illusion and manipulation. May their words unite, not cause division, and convey the whisper of peace to all who would listen.

With their speech build bridges of understanding the essentials facing this Nation. Lord, may the power of Your Word placed in these human hearts resound around the world.

"Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare Your praise," both in this present moment of prayer and in every speech, both now and forever. Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. CHABOT) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. CHABOT led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### A GRATEFUL NATION

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, the President visited our troops in Anbar province, Iraq. Along with his message of continued resolve to stop enemies, he brought with him the thoughts and prayers of a grateful Nation.

We are blessed to have the new Greatest Generation who are sacrificing to protect American families by promoting freedom to millions around the world. Their dedication to duty should inspire us all. We must honor their hard work by ensuring that they have our support and the resources to complete the mission.

In the coming days, Congress will hear from General David Petraeus and Ambassador Ryan Crocker about conditions on the ground. I hope my colleagues will join me in welcoming their recommendations and listening with an open mind.

Just as our soldiers have the courage to stop our enemies, so should we have the strength to make the right decisions that will ensure the safety of our troops and stop additional terrorist attacks on America.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September 11th.

### PRAISING THE ASU MOUNTAINEERS' WIN OVER MICHIGAN

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I rise to salute the Appalachian State University Mountaineer football team on their upset of fifth-ranked Michigan this weekend in their season opener. This win was one of the greatest upsets in college football history. Before last Saturday's win, no Division I-AA team had beaten a team ranked in the AP poll from 1989 to 2006.

The Mountaineers' win was no ordinary upset. It was a down-to-the-wire game for the history books. The game hinged on the heroic field goal blocked by Corey Lynch with 6 seconds left that secured ASU's 34-32 victory over one of the most storied college football programs in America.

With this upset, it looks like Coach Jerry Moore is poised to lead the Mountaineers to their third straight national championship.

By beating Michigan, ASU extends their winning streak to 15 games, the longest among Division I teams. But this victory is about more than winning streaks or statistics. This is about the achievements of a hardworking championship team from a small town in rural North Carolina proving that tenacity counts.

### SUPPORT THE CHARLIE NORWOOD CLEAR ACT OF 2007

(Mrs. BLACKBURN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

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